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Patterns Broadens Scope

By KAREN ROTHMAN

"Patterns, Midwood's literary magazine, serves as an outlet for the creative talents of our student body," stated Jan Zlotnik, the Editor-in-Chief of **Patterns.**

Patterns Editors: Left to Right—Zinnia Steinhauer, Laurie Nadel, Joan Lampert, William Edelheit, Sara Ritz, Jan Zlotnik.

The goal of **Patterns** this year is to attract a greater number of students. It will offer a broad scope of reading on a variety of subjects. Poetry, short stories, and essays stressing controversial issues will be featured.

The officers of **Patterns** are: Jan Zlotnik,, Editor-in-Chief; Joan Lampert, Literary Editor; Lori Nadel, Associate Editor, and the members of the Editorial Board, Billy Edelheit, Sara J. Ritz and Zinnia Steinhauer. The faculty advisor is Dr. Bader, the teacher of Midwood's creative writing class.

Articles which are of interest to the students and measure to to **Patterns'** standards may be submitted by any Midwoodite. The staff of **Patterns,** which consists of twenty members, meets Tuesdays during period nine in room 431. In addition to writing selections, they also vote on material chosen for publication. Any ambitious and eager student may join them.

As an incentive, to students, **Patterns** is sponsoring a school wide essay contest. The only requirement is an article of approximately five hundred words with stimulating subject matter, the choice depending upon the student's ideas and opinions. The **Pattern's** staff has suggested topics to help the pupils write their essay. They include four quotes, which could be used for individual interpretation. All students with an interest and ability for writing are urged to apply. Medals for the best story, poem, and essay will be awarded, and the winners' selections will be published in **Patterns.**

Jan Zlotnik has been informing all sophomores, juniors, and seniors through their homerooms, of **Patterns'** new ideas and goals. The staff of **Argus** wishes **Patterns** the best of luck for a very successful year.

MIDWOODITES INDUCTED INTO HONOR SOCIETIES

By ROVENA SHRECK

The installation of the new members of Arista and Archon, Midwood's two honor societies, took place at a special assembly program held November 18 in the school auditorium. The Midwood High School orchestra and Mixed Chorus provided music for the program. The Mixed Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Belle Tillis, sang the "Amen" from the Messiah by Handel, using a jazz effect for the first time.

As is customary, Dr. Bernstein congratulated the honored inductees as they crossed the stage to receive their pins and certificates. Highlighting the presentation was the candle-lighting ceremony. Outstanding scholarship, service, and character are qualities of the students accepted into the honor societies.

The new members of Arista are:

Leslie Alexander, Mark Bernstein, Madeline Bluefield, Marilyn Bruno, David Cane, Holly Cohan, Elliot Diamond, Phyllis Eagle, Francine Eisen, Anne Farber, John Fargnoli, Matthew Fischel, Geraldine Geraci, Neal Gilbert, Gary Goodman, Marcia Grubel, Robert Groman, Steven Honigman, Janet Horowitz.

Roberta Jaffe, Anne Kaptzan, Lois Klein, Gerhardt Koch, Susan Langer, Bette Leban, Fran Lesser, Mark Levy, Cathy Lichtig, Mark Lieberman, Richard Liroff, Elizabeth Maltz, Maida Margolis, Eve Margulies, Martin Mayerson, Arthur Misita, Maxine Nordell, James Novick, Debra Ossip, Flora Ostrow.

Stephen Paige, Sandra Parkus, Diane Pulito, Isabel Reiff, Sara Ritz, Carol Roisman, Andrew Schoenbach, Eileen Schwartz, Susan Schwartz, Mori Schwartzberg, Rovena Shreck, Diane Someth, David Soshuk, Frederick Spar, Jane Stein, Marilyn Steinberg, Marc Strassler, Nancy Stuchiner.

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TWO ART PRIZES WON

By SUSAN KLEPPEL

Two Midwood seniors in competition with students from other high schools, have been selected to receive art scholarships, sponsored by the School Art League of the Board of Education. Anne Rosen will attend Saturday morning painting classes at Pratt Institute, and Frank Dambro will receive instruction at the Parsons School of Design. The winners were chosen on the basis of a portfolio of their work, and an interview with officials of the schools concerned. These scholarships will be of great aid to the students, in helping them pursue their art interests.

The winners of the sixth annual Halloween Window Painting Contest have also been announced. The contest, which originated at Bay Ridge High School, in Brooklyn, is sponsored by the Kiwanis of Midwood. The Kiwanis, which is a national business organization with a branch on Avenue J, paid for the paint and brushes that were used. The first prize winners were Barbara Hook and Robert Kuga, for their display in the window of Town and Campus Shoestore. Their painting depicted a misty Halloween evening, with a witch, ghosts and tree-like people adding to the seasonal scene. Barbara, quite delighted over her success, said, "It was a wonderful experience, and coming in first was a great morale booster." Second prize was a tie among Suellen Johnson, René LeWinter, Anne Rosen, Susan Shulslaper, and Barbara Aikins. Third prize went to Debbie Pulver, Janice Brown, and Barbara Fisher, and fourth prize to Fred Misita and Evan Zimmer, two Kensington students. Honorable mentions were awarded to Judy Lehman, Marilyn Jocobowitz, and Emily Sorkin. These students will receive valuable art equipment, and all participants will be given certificates acknowledging their entries.

The colorful windows on Avenue J., have succeeded, according to Mr. Lefkowitz chairman of the art department, in "harnessing the idea of Halloween in a constructive, instead of a destructive way."

Cheese Festival Held At Midwood

By JUDY MEYERSON

The home economics department, under the leadership of Miss Tashjian and Mrs. Buchanan, held its annual cheese festival October 28. The theme was "Cheese of all Nations."

Celebrants at Annual Cheese Festival

Mrs. Xenia Fane, chairman of the department of home economics of the Board of Education, was a guest at the affair. Mrs. Fane explained, "The cheese festival helps the girls to develop cosmopolitan food tastes which are one of the earmarks of an educated person. The tradition of the cheese festival is unique here at Midwood. I am proud to see it continuing this year." Mr. Cagan, Chairman of the art department at Prospect High School, was another honored guest.

All of the girls in the home economics department were required to attend and assist. Stella Green was the official hostess. Each girl contributed ten cents to buy the cheeses, which consisted of seventy five varieties from all nations. The idea of the festival was to display as many cheeses as possible.

Chess Team Begins Tourney

By RHONA RESSLER

The members of the Midwood Chess Team, under the guidance of art teacher Mr. Norman Shapiro, are practicing for another year of tournaments. The club, which meets Friday afternoon, between the eighth and tenth periods in room 483, is holding a tournament for new participants. The five best players will be selected for the team.

Last year, after placing first in our division, Midwood defeated Stuyvesant in the semi-finals of the N.Y.C. Interscholastic Chess Championship. The team then tied in the finals against Bronx High School of Science with a score of 2½. Members of the group were captain Jeff Vogel, Irving Prus, Matthew Zimet, Steve Shalom, Mori Schwartzberg and Bill Edleheit. All except Jeff have returned to help maintain the title, along with several new recruits.

On October 17, under the leadership of its new captain, Irving Prus, our team entered one of the matches scheduled for this year. The first place winners of this Hanauer Tourney will receive money and the school will receive a trophy. Having obtained third position in this game last year, Midwood is looking forward to a first place showing.

Schools Visit M.H.S.

By MARC SILVERMAN

Between October 2 and October 4, the student governments of all high schools in Brooklyn and in the Bronx met at the Richard Welling Student Government Conference, better known as the Andover Conference.

This annual conference is held to give students in the Bronx and in Brooklyn a chance to exchange ideas on school government.

At this conference, Midwood suggested that schools in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn unite to establish the Flatbush Council. The purpose of the council would be to exchange ideas on problems common to the neighboring schools of this area. The participating schools are: Midwood, Sheepshead, Madison, Erasmus, Tilden, Lincoln, Lafayette, and New Utrecht High Schools.

The executive secretary of Midwood received the first Flatbush Council in the teachers' cafeteria. Representatives from all of the above mentioned schools were present. A discussion concerned with improving student conduct at interschool varsity sports was one of the main topics at the meeting. The representatives suggested that fewer tickets be sold, police cooperation be increased, and most important, that students be taught proper sportsmanship.

Students fail to realize that they represent their school at these games and that they should act accordingly.

COMMISSION ORGANIZES UNICEF WELFARE DRIVE

This term, one of the F.D.R. Commission's many projects is the sale of UNICEF greeting cards and calendars. F.D.R. co-commissioners, Carla Daichman and Anne Farber, with the aid of their faculty advisor, Mrs. Tobin, are in charge of the sale and distribution of cards.

Unicef Poster 1964

Orders will be taken, until Thanksgiving, outside B-71, on Wednesdays and Friday during periods 5 through 8. After Thanksgiving, cards may be purchased in the cafeteria, every day, during periods 4 through 8. In addition, commission members will take orders at all times.

A box of ten cards, either with or without an imprinted message, costs $1.25. Appointment calendars are available for $2.00 each.

Other commission activities include working with children in a settlement house in downtown Brooklyn, and the printing and circulation of a bulletin describing the recent work of civil rights organizations and leaders. The commission also sends representatives to the National Conference of Christians and Jews. This is a five day program, held in late August, which gives students an opportunity to live with and get to know other students of different racial and religious backgrounds.

The commission is best known for its annual presentation of the F.D.R. Brotherhood Memorial Award, which is given during the Spring term. The purpose of this award is to recognize one person's outstanding achievements in the field of human rights. Last year, the award was given posthumously, for the first time, to the late John F. Kennedy.

Any students wanting more information concerning UNICEF cards or the work of the commission should refer to the F.D.R. bulletin in the cafeteria, or contact the commissioners in B-71.

College Plans Highlighted

The College Commission is continuing to bring the student body in closer contact with the College Guidance Department.

Steve Kussin, College Commissioner, is outlining plans for the rest of the term. Highlighting the current plans is a series of narrated filmstrips showing many college campuses. "Unfortunately, many students are unable to see the campuses of their prospective colleges. The layout and location of a college is an important factor in selecting a school. Since many students have had to make college choices without the advantage of seeing what the schools look like, we hope to circulate these valuable films."

The College Commissioners are making homeroom visits to solve problems that students have about college.

In an address at one of the college assemblies, students were urged not to hesitate to contact the College Commission if there is anything it can do to help them during these important months.

SCHEDULE OF MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS—Fall, 1964

Wednesday, December 9		Thursday, December 10		Friday, December 11	
I 8:15-9:30	English 7 English 7M (1 hr)	I 8:15-9:45	Social Studies 5	I 8:15-9:45	Mathematics 6, 5, E, F Accounting 4, 3, 2, 1
II 9:50-11:20/11:50	Business Arith. 2, 1 Law 1 Mathematics 7 Math. 5S, A, C (2 hrs.) Merchandise 3, 2, 1 (1 hr.)	II 10:05-11:20	English 8, 5, 4 English 5M (1 hr.)	II 10:05-11:35	Social Studies 4, 3
III 11:40-1:10	Secy. Practice 1 Spanish 6, 5, 4, 3 Spanish 1 (1 hr.) Stenography 1, 1S (1 hr.)	III 11:40-1:10	Clerical Practice 1 (1 hr.) French 6, 4 French 5, 3 (1¼ hrs.) French 1 (1 hr.) Stenography 4 Stenography 3, 2 (1 hr.)	III 11:55-1:25	Biology 5, 4, 3 Lab. Tech. B, H Mod. Science 1 (1 hr.)
IV 1:30-3:00/3:30	Merchandise 4 Social Studies 6 (2 hrs.) Social Studies 2, 1	IV 1:15-2:15	GENERAL CONFERENCE IN AUDITORIUM	IV 1:45-3:00	English 6X, 3 English 3M (1 hr.)
		V 2:30-4:00	Mathematics 4, 3 Mathematics 2, 1		

ARISTA ARCHON

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Marsha Stumacher, Ellen Sussman, Deanna Weinstein, Eric Weitzner, Jeffrey Wieselthier, Stephen Zelman, Diane Zizmor.

The new members of Archon are:

Leslie Alexander, Barry Asen, Rachelle Batushansky, Lois Brandeis, Leslie Brickner, Beth Bykofsky, David Cane, Jessica Chaves, Mark Chenven, Holly Cohan, Edmund Cortez, Nancy Covitt, Elliot Diamond, Janet Epstein, Anne Farber, John Fargnoli, Marlene Fields, Elaine Fisher, Henry Flacks, Mark Friedman.

Gail Futterman, Neal Gilbert, Patricia Gimbel, Edward Goldsmith, Francine Gordon, Sharon Greenberg, Eric Greenspan, Robert Groman, Rosalind Grosskopf, David Grossman, Meryl Haykin, Leni Hiller, Denise Hoffman, Barbara Hook, Steven Honigman, Janet Horowitz, Kent Jaffe, Roberta Jaffe, Ilene Kaplan.

Arlene Korn, Myron Kramer, Rachel Lampert, Carl Lazarus, Linda Lefkowitz, Susan Leftoff, Bruce Levine, Carol Levine, Jonathan Lewis, Cathy Lichtig, Sharon Lifshitz, Elizabeth Maltz, Maida Margolis, Eve Margulies, Stephen Moresh, Margery Newman, James Novick, Stephen Paige, Sandra Parkus.

Sara Ritz, Carol Roisman, Howard Roitman, Stephanie Sacks, Bonita Schneider, Rovena Shreck, Robert Schwartz, Susan Schwartz, Lawrence Schweitzer, Steven Shapiro, Wendy Simon, Robin Soloff, Emily Sorkin, Fredric Spar, Frank Tinghino, Jeff Tobin, Ben Wasserman, Martin Weltz, Roberta Wexler, Marsha Wichter.

Jeffrey Wieselthier, Stephen Zelman, Diane Zizmor, Laura Weitz, Cheryl Larrier, Peter Zucker, Edith Abusch, Harris Hedaya, Laurel Weinstein, Ellen Sussman.

Doxa Plans Year

Doxa, Midwood High School's girls' athletic association, presently consists of thirteen members. Fourteen girls, however are being considered for induction into Doxa, this term and it is expected that between five and ten girls will finally become Doxa members.

In order to be eligible for Doxa, one must meet the following requirements: a 75% average, good character, a year of 85% or higher grades in gym, recommendations from two gym teachers, and one subject class teacher, and a skills test. The members of Doxa assist the teachers in the girls' gym classes, act as a color-guard at all school assemblies, participate in sport activities conducted by themselves and frequently with other schools, act as ushers at school functions such as Sing, and the Christmas and Spring concerts and participate in playdays.

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SING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY, THEMES CHOSEN

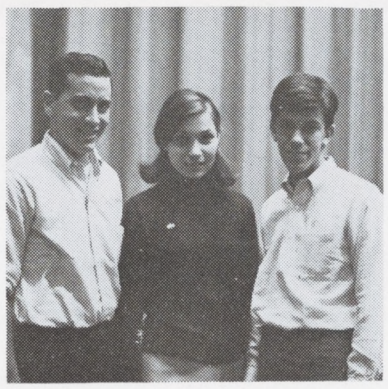
By CINDY ZEIDMAN

The annual Sing competition among Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will take place February 19, 20, and 21.

Leading the Freshmen class will be Rachel Lampert as commissioner; Peggy Alston, as chairman; Patsy Frank, as co-chairman; Sue Kirschner, as leader; and William Pollack, as co-leader. The Sophomore Sing officers are Larry Pivnik, commissioner; Lois Gilson, chairman; Andrew Chertoff, co-chairman; Seena Pava, leader; and Susan Denberg, co-leader.

The Junior class will be led by commissioner, Karen Rosetti; chairman, Eileen Schwartz; co-chairman, Sharon Pearlman; leader, Celia Urso; and co-leader, Jean Musacchio. The Senior class is led by Michael Kuba, commissioner; Barbara Tetenbaum, chairman; Holly Cohan, co-chairman; and Tommy Milano and Janie Stein, as leader and co-leader respectively. The faculty advisors of Sing are Mr. Marvin Rosenberg, Mr. Harris Sarney, and Mr. Michael Lirtzman.

Each year, talented members of each class write an original show, an alma mater, and accompanying songs. Any student who wishes to, may participate in Sing. After many months of rehearsal, each class presents its program to an audience consisting of teachers, students, parents, friends and the judges.



Larry Pivnik, Karen Rosetti, Michael Kuba

Students and Faculty Mourn Death of Mrs. Sylvia Heller

By STEVEN KUSSIN

Midwood is mourning the loss of one of its most experienced and talented teachers, Mrs. Sylvia Heller, who died after a long illness, on October 23.

Mrs. Heller joined the music department of Midwood in 1944. In 1957, she transferred to Kensington. For many years, she had included various extra-curricular activities, with the emphasis on participation in Kensington affairs. At the Annex, she spent many hours organizing assemblies, supervising the Kensington vocal group, the Choraliers, and coordinating the Freshman Sing.

Members of the faculty expressed regret at the news of Mrs. Heller's death. Miss Margaret Bradshaw, a high school classmate of Mrs. Heller's, renewed their old friendship when the two met again at Midwood.

Miss Bradshaw remembers Mrs. Heller as "a very attractive girl who was known for her sweetness and for her smile."

Mr. Marvin Rosenberg and Mr. Benjamin Chancy members of the music department, considered her death a severe loss, "since she was always such an alive and alert person, and had many more years to give of her wonderful talents to Midwood."

The staff of **Argus** joins the faculty and student body in extending its sincerest sympathies to the bereaved Heller family. The school system has lost a very valuable teacher.

Mrs. Sylvia Heller

Bielasiak Wins Scholarship

By JOAN McGOVERN

A Midwood senior, Jacob Bielasiak, has been awarded a scholarship from the Centre d'Art Dramatique, a student acting group which presents the French classics.

At the suggestion of Miss Bradshaw, Jacob went over to Washington Irving High School, where the company meets, and auditioned. After one reading for Madame Daniel, the moderator, he received the scholarship. It entitles him to a year of study, but it may be renewed if he meets the standards, and wishes to continue studying.

The Centre d'Art Dramatique is composed of French-speaking students in the New York area. They are given instruction in the techniques of acting by Madame Eve Daniel, a retired actress who once performed in the "Comedie Francais."

Jacob and his family came to the United States three years ago from Paris, although they were originally from Poland. After a year at Hudde Junior High, Jacob came to Midwood and has since become an active member of our soccer team.

"The first year, I didn't like anything about New York," he said. "All I wanted to do was to go back to France. Everyone around me spoke English. I looked at the teacher, and at my classmates and I didn't know what they were saying. It was very lonely." Jacob has made a number of friends since then, and has made a wonderful adjustment to his new surroundings.

Midkid Speaks On WABC

By LAURIE SALEN

David Green, a senior in Midwood High School, was chosen to represent our school on radio station WABC November 6. He gave a three minute newscast about the many activities in Midwood, informing the city's listeners of Mr. Sayer's talk on his civil rights work in Mississippi, Mr. Roberts' demonstration-talk on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and our undefeatable football team.

David is one of many students from the city high schools to speak on WABC. Mrs. Sierles chose him because "he has a fine, resonant voice, a voice you like to listen to." Members of the Board of Education will judge his speech on the basis of delivery and the quality of content. After listening to students for many weeks, the judges will select a winner, who will receive a $1000 prize.

Although he is in Mrs. Sierles' Advanced Dramatics Class, David's main interests are science and "useless facts." He is a member of Midwood's science club, the Sigma Society, and hopes to major in physics or chemistry. David would like to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, but will "probably go to Brooklyn College."

The radio program, called "Schoolscope" can be heard nightly at 9:05. This is the third term in succession that Midwood has been chosen to enter a contestant. This is a result of the cooperation and efforts of the student and Mrs. Sierles to present a perfect newscast.

David has never been on the radio before and said, "Before I went on I was scared, but I became more sure of myself as I started to speak."

SOPHS ORIENTATED OCT. 30; CHARITY DRIVE PLANNED

By LESLIE SILVERBERG

Both the Welfare and Orientation Commissioners are planning to do many beneficial things for Midwood students and needy members of the community this term.

On Friday, October 30, the Orientation Commission held a meeting called "Get To Know Midwood Night" for all freshmen and sophomores. The purpose of this meeting was to acquaint Midwood's new students with Midwood's extra-curricular activities. Student leaders who were present represented school publications, teams, various commissions, and clubs. Each group showed interested students how activities are organized. For example, Boys' Chorus gave a sampling of their choral work. According to Candy Falk, one of the Orientation Commissioners, "The evening was a great success and resulted in many new members for all of Midwood's extra-curricular activities".

The Welfare Commission is sponsoring a program to put "a turkey in every pot". The purpose of this drive it to present the Atlantic Settlement House with food and money to help give a more adequate and enjoyable Thanksgiving to its members. One of the Welfare Commissioners, Lynn Bromberg, stated that "the members of our commission were very pleased with the response of Midwood's generous students." The Welfare Commission is now trying to decide upon another suitable project.

Orchestra Plays Beethoven's Fifth

By PETER ZUCKER

Mrs. Sierles and the Assembly Planning Commissioners prepare the programs given in the auditorium. This term, there have already been several interesting and enjoyable programs presented.

The first assembly program consisted of a pep rally to heighten the spirit of Midwood's athletes. The next meeting was for seniors. Dr. Bernstein and Mrs. Emil, a grade advisor, stressed the importance of the senior year because of college boards and scholarship tests. Students also must keep up their good scholastic records to insure college acceptance.

At the Installation Assembly, Mr. Albert Sayer, the former chairman of the social studies department, now on leave, was the guest speaker. He spoke twice (to enable more students to hear him) on the responsibilities of students. He included a detailed account of his trip to Mississippi where he worked for civil rights.

Another program featured a representative from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He discussed the history of rockets, satellites already launched by the United States, and future manned flights to the moon.

There was also a very enjoyable program presented by the music department under the direction of Mr. Chancy. They directed attention to specific items in music and to outlining and discussing the development and formation of an extended piece of music, such as Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Specific members of the orchestra played solos and important parts of this symphony. As a final rendition, the orchestra played the entire first movement. Visual aids used had been prepared by Mr. Charles Eisenberg, director of the Audio-Visual Aids Department. It is quite unusual for a high school orchestra to be able to perform a symphony, since students do not play the string instruments needed in such a performance. Midwood should be commended for being one of the few high schools to boast of a full symphony orchestra.

After the Arista-Archon Installation Assembly, there will be the Health Education Department Dance under the direction of Mrs. Feldman, the Christmas Concert, and the Awards Assembly. The concert will be held both on a Monday and a Tuesday, thus enabling most students to attend. At the Awards Assembly, Mr. Delaney, the chairman of the Boys' Health Education Department, will give out the sports awards.

EDITORIAL .....

Probably the most pressing and pending problem of high school students, especially seniors, is the ever-building- dilemma of choosing a suitable college, and the hope of attaining the high standards necessary for acceptance there. Besides one's cumulative average for his four years in high school, the College Board Examination score also weighs heavily as a criterion for deciding his admittance or rejection. We feel the significance and influence of this exam with regard to accurately determining a student's intellectual potential and his college promise has gone far beyond its original concept.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test is a three hour exam which attempts to test a student's verbal and mathematical potential acquired from the time he began his education. It is within this precise three hour time limit that all the past knowledge one has acquired over a twelve year period must be dredged up for total recall.

Is this adequate time for the College Boards to achieve an accurate account of one's learning? The many private colleges which overweigh the importance of the College Board Exam in relation to an overall four year average answer yes. We say most definitely no! A true comprehensive study of one's academic ability would take many months of analysis, under normal conditions. Certainly, as much as the colleges would like it to be this simple, a mere three hour exam cannot possibly provide them with the material they require for determining an individual's success or failure in a particular college.

Students taking college boards are given one, and only one chance to attain the mark required. Suppose on the particular day of the exam an individual is feeling exceptionally depressed, and is unable to absorb or understand the questions being asked of him? There is also the person who gets emotionally upset at the mere sound of the word "test". Can you visualize how an exam of this magnitude would affect this individual? But the College Review Board merely calculates numerical achievements without taking into consideration other prevailing factors confronting each person. We are only human beings, not machines.

Nevertheless, the importance of the College Board Examination has vastly broadened its scope through the years, becoming second, if not equal, in many colleges, to a four year high school average. The original purpose of the Entrance Exam was to give a common rating standard to colleges, because of the varying standards in the high schools of the United States. If used properly, as an addition to the major accomplishments students achieve during their high school careers, it can be a very valuable tool; but too often, as the case is today, the private colleges classify the results of this test as a concise summary of an individual's ability. The City Colleges are the only ones which are attempting to use this test in its proper prospective, whereby a composite of the college boards plus one's cumulative high school average is taken.

We believe a reconsideration by the Board of Education or the College Administrations which use the College boards as I've indicated should be made, whereby, either a test over a longer period of time should be given, so that a truer evaluation of the student can be made, or that the great importance of the exam in its present format is lessened.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor of the Midwood Argus:

Since my main job in the office of Comptroller is that of collecting G.O. dues, I was very happy to realize that one student does not take the Midwood H.S. G.O. for "granted" (i.e.—Martin Goldman 331A, 10/23 Argus).

Many students who are not G.O. members are taking advantage of the many benefits offered at Midwood. Not many students know that non-G.O. students will not receive service credit. How many know, while they cheer for championship teams, that without money from the G.O., the teams would not exist?

Now, at Midwood, we have approximately twenty-seven hundred G.O. members—less than 80% of the entire school population. The figure falls drastically short in comparison with the excellent membership records of our neighboring schools. Yet, more extra-curricular G.O. supported activities are offered here at Midwood, than at any other high school in the city. It is necessary, therefore, for students to realize that their 75 cents directly benefits them individually, as well as the other thirty-nine hundred and forty-five Midwoodites.

Brad Bernstein—
Comptroller of the
City of Midwood

To the editor of the Midwood Argus:

This term I have had the opportunity to audit a course in Russian at Brooklyn College. Many other students were interested in attending this class, but they could not fit it into their programs.

The Russian language is growing in importance. Today, its study is recommended for both students of the sciences and humanities. I suggest that Midwood introduce a Russian course to the many interested students who would like to study this modern language.

Steven Kussin, 381a

MAYOR'S DESK

Midwood students have been conditioned to react unfavorably to any student government representative who dares to enter their homeroom. Rather than simply salivate like Pavlov's Dogs, many of our enlightened citizens hiss, boo, heckle, jeer or completely ignore anyone trying to speak to their class. This inattentiveness is partially the fault of the City of Midwood. In the past, the only reason that anyone usually went around to homerooms was to ask something of the student body, whether it be joining the G.O., going to a concert, or volunteering services. The aim was always to get someone to pay, participate, or promote.

This term we are trying to deemphasize getting things from you, and trying to reemphasize doing things for you. While it will occasionally be necessary to ask every Midwoodite to help support an activity, it will constantly be necessary to find out from every Midwoodite what these activities should be. By frequently going around to homerooms and making use of the newly formed Student Opinion Commission, I hope to learn of your complaints, problems, and requests. There is however, a lot more to be done. Every Midwoodite has the opportunity to let his wishes be known and his views be felt by coming to Board of Estimate meetings, expressing himself at the Student Council, or talking to his term officers. This is the way to eliminate the notion that there is a B-71 clique and to fulfill your responsibilities as a citizen of the City of Midwood.

By MATTY MAYER

Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:

From time to time we receive letters from our graduates telling us about their accomplishments. We welcome these letters because they provide a method of evaluation of our high school program; and they also serve as a source of guidance for you, our present student body. Accordingly, I quote from a letter from a graduate who is now a senior at the University of North Carolina School of Law and who has recently been honored by election as president of the Student Bar Association. This is part of what this graduate writes:

"The real purpose of this letter is to express the feeling that I have carried with me throughout my collegiate career. That is that Midwood prepared me very well for the experiences of college life. I mean this not only scholastically, although the preparation at Midwood along these lines was far superior to those here who have received their secondary education at some of the finest prep schools in the country. But Midwood's student government prepared me well for the interests I have had here in that respect. I remember well the night that I lost for Mayor of the City of Midwood. . . . Another great contribution was the Athletic program at Midwood in which I was also a participant. As a member of Coach Eisenberg's football team of 1957 and 1958 I learned some valuable lessons about becoming a man. That was a rewarding experience. . . ."

I hope this will inspire many of you to do your best work scholastically and to participate actively in the extracurricular activities sponsored and supported by the City of Midwood. For us, in the Faculty, an occasional expression of appreciation is very heartwarming indeed.

Sincerely yours,
J. L. Bernstein
Principal

MID-HIGHS

Jane Wechsler

Social Worker Lou Stallman Becomes Village Songsmith

Lou Stallman, at twenty-nine years of age, has become prominent in both the world of song-writing and among those with whom he comes in contact as a social worker. Upon being asked of the connection between the two fields, he replied, "I think of social work as an avocation. When I write a song, it is because I have to, but at the same time I enjoy every minute of it."

Lou has written "Round and Round" for Perry Como, "Yogi" for the "IV3", and "Treasure of Love" and "Anniversary of Love" for the rock'n'roll group "The Castillons", with whom he has previously worked. Curtailing his social work, Lou plans to further his career in music as a singer. He is soon scheduled to appear at the "Village Gate", where his "Little Theatre" group recently performed.

Lou is an ambitious, yet sensitive person whose natural abilities enabled him to write one hundred fifty-two popular tunes.

Asked whether his close contact with people serves as an inspiration for his writing, he answered "Yes, I sit in the dark and as my mind enlarges upon situations and incidents or people, I have previously encountered, I set my thoughts to music." In addition, Lou can play the guitar.

At the "High Teens" meeting of the Rugby YWHA, Lou has voiced many of his opinions and has, in turn, listened to ours. He became a social worker "out of the need to relate to teenagers," and is accepted as one of us. At one meeting Lou quoted for us the philosophy which he intends to follow. "The best thing a person can offer to society is another life."

By JANIE LEIKIND

SPOTLIGHT

Whoever said brains and brawn don't mix, obviously had never met Brent Kaufman, Midwood's leading scorer on our illustrious football team. This six foot, 185 lb. halfback, who has led the Hornets to many victories, manages to maintain over an 86 average.

Brent started his football career in his freshman year, playing for Junior Varsity. As a sophomore he was advanced to the Varsity squad where he started as an end, with the first team. For the past two seasons, he has been one of Midwood's best halfbacks and he received the Most Valuable Player Award at last year's Erasmus game.

Brent feels that his playing has been greatly influenced by his instructors. "Coaches Eisenberg and Mascari have helped me to develop my ability in football immensely." Brent had this to say about his career so far: "Although, as a member of the Midwood Varsity Football Team, I have previously enjoyed two winning seasons, this year has thus proved to be the most successful for me."

Brent Kaufman

After Midwood, Brent would like to continue his studies at either Brown or Rhode Island University, majoring in biology. He has had bids from such schools as Columbia, Cornell, Colgate, and West Point.

Sports of all types take up the remainder of Brent's spare time. He used to play for the baseball team.

He also enjoys listening to folk music.

By CATHY WOLFERT

DOWNSTATE HOSTS MHS PUPILS

The thought of what to do during the summer has crossed the mind of every student at one time or another. This problem was easily solved by the group of Midwood students who worked at Downstate Medical Center during the past summer.

The ambitious students are Steven Rosenberg, William Edelstein, Larry May, Richard Lehv, Mark Yudkowitz, Ira Pores, Jeffrey Namm, Toby Horn, Robert Schecter, Kerry Fagelman, Richard Frankenstein, Donald Davis and Edward deVos. Mr. Reich, head of the biology department, is in charge of this project here at Midwood, while Dr. Stanley Wallach is in charge of the scientists at the Medical Center.

As Mr. Reich explains, its purpose is to stimulate research by the volunteers. Jeffrey Namm stated, "I was curious about the inside of a hospital. I also wanted to do some research on my own." Many of the students simply felt it would be a good experience, certainly better than staying at home.

From the center, some of the participants were sent to other hospitals. Each student worked under the supervision of a scientist, in a certain field of research. They helped with all experiments and in some cases, were allowed to formulate some experiments of their own. "It was a very interesting experience from which I learned many things," Ira Pores commented. Jeffrey Namm, who worked in the field of radioactive isotopes, added, "I gained a basic knowledge of how medical research is carried on. I also learned much about radioactive isotopes in relation to thyroid metabolism, obesity and heart disease."

Since this is a new program, both Mr. Reich and Dr. Wallach do not yet know whether or not it will be a success. Therefore, they have compiled a questionnaire to be filled out by both the students and the scientists who worked there this summer. After all the results are in, it will be evaluated.

Next summer, many of the students intend to return to Downstate Medical Center. "Next year, I will probably continue with the experiments that were being done last summer," Mark Yudkowitz said. "I really enjoyed it."

The project appears to be working very well and it is hoped that even more students will consult Mr. Reich and join the program next summer.

By BARBARA LAZAR

BLOOMINGDALE'S SHOWS 'SEVENTEEN' FASHIONS

Bloomingdale's and Seventeen Magazine collaborated in a joint presentation of young fashions. They were shown at a breakfast preview in Bloomingdale's Department Store on October 12. More than fifty high schools in the metropolitan area were sent special invitations to attend the showing.

The models included many of the famous girls from Seventeen Magazine. They are known throughout the country for their fine features, good grooming, and pleasing personalities. These are the girls who have been the inspiration for many of today's teens.

The two basic themes of the show were: casuals, to wear to school or when relaxing; and datesetters, to wear when one wants to look "très chic." This year's "typical" teen loves the Natural Look. The mode of fashion is the pleasant look of simplicity, coordinated with the air of elegance. The discothèque style is the new rage. It has converted a very plain dress into a picture of beauty, and has become a favorite of the Seventeen crowd.

The clothes in this selection and all of the clothes in Seventeen Magazine possess this new, sophisticated appearance.

Everyone seems to agree, that the trend for this years is the uncomplicated style. So remember girls; when you "make the scene," make it NATURAL.

Meet Your Teacher

To many Midwoodites, the words "substitute teacher" are synonymous with "free period." However, such a comparison could not be made by students who have ever been taught by Mrs. Zeiger.

Her primary hobby being reading, Mrs. Zeiger finds specially enjoyable the works of British women novelists such as Iris Murdock and Margery Sharp, their appeal lying primarily in their style. Another of her interests is arranging dried wild flowers.

Since the age of ten, Mrs. Zeiger has been a resident of New York. She graduated from Hunter College, where she majored in the Latin and Greek classics. She later taught Latin in Thomas Jefferson High School. About ten of her approximately thirty-five years of teaching were spent at Alexander Hamilton High School.

Three years ago, Mrs. Zeiger retired from Midwood, where she had been a member of the English department for about ten years. At that time, she decided to remain in the school system as a substitute teacher. Her advice to students is that they "should not try to get a free period when a substitute comes in," but to "make the best of the time they have." In regard to the attitudes of Midwood students, she stated, "When they learn that I'm willing to work, they settle down too, for which they are to be commended."

For the present, Mrs. Zeiger plans to continue to substitute at Midwood.

By ANNE FARBER

Thanksgiving Thoughts, 1964

Martin Luther King won the Nobel Peace Prize. He is not using the money for himself, but for his people. The white backlash failed to appear in the election. There were very few riots this summer, much to the relief of Negroes and whites alike. That "long hot summer" was not so hot after all.

Thanksgiving is here again, and this year all of America's children are thankful. The Negro people and their white supporters have maintained their dignity throughout the year. They have enforced the historic Civil Rights Bill. The general public should be thankful that the few riots this summer did not get too much out of hand. After being oppressed for three hundred years, it is very hard to control one's temper.

The situation that concerns the pupils of Midwood and Kensington is that of integration. One should be thankful that the integrating of the school is going along successfully. The first Thanksgiving, which was initiated by the Pilgrims, had an important purpose. It was held to give thanks to God for having survived the hardships of their first year in the American wilderness. We too, should give thanks for surviving the terrible loss we suffered in the death of the late John F. Kennedy. Thankful too, we should be that Lyndon Johnson has had the strength and courage to carry on in Mr. Kennedy's place.

One should be thankful that we did not stumble and fall under the weight of this great loss, but that we were able to stand up when the transition occurred.

In his own way, each American should be thankful.

By ANNE HARDEMAN

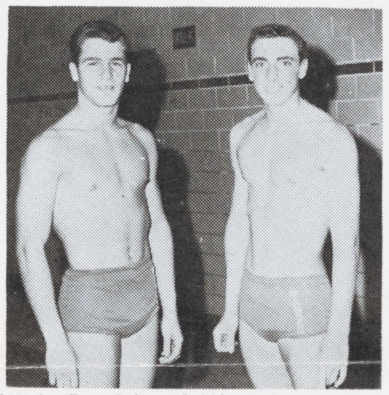
MIDDIES ROMP BURY MADISON

By ALLAN BEYDA

On October 21, Midwood's swimming team launched its new season by successfully beating Sheepshead Bay in a meet by a score of 72-23. They then faced John Jay, Erasmus, and New Utrecht and won by scores of 74-21, 65-30, and 77-18 respectively.

So far it had been smooth sailing for the aquamen. But on November 10, they faced their greatest threat, Madison. The long weeks of training were to be given a critical test.

In the first event, the medley relay, Madison took first place, despite tremendous efforts by Wolfson, Bluver, Glassman, and Rubel. Schwartz and Jamgochian followed, tying the score by taking first and second places respectively in the 200 yard and later in the 400 yard freestyle. Captain Don Gaiti took first place and Shelly Rosenberg fourth, thus taking the lead over Madi-



Captains Don Gaiti and Chips Triolo

son. In the individual medley, Captain Chips Triolo placed second and Vic Grillo fourth as the lead went back to Madison. Then came the diving, and by taking first and second places, Lucky and King recaptured the lead for good.

Bluver, Wolfson, Rubel, Rosenberg, Virginia, and Gollub also took first places. McAteer and Glassman both took important second places.

By a score of 62-33, Madison was defeated.

Rifle Season Starts, Team Aims For Title

By HOWIE SIROTA

Led by Captains Andy Schoenbach and Bob Krieff the Midwood Rifle Team is awaiting the start of the 1964-65 season. The team, strengthened by the return of veterans Neil Hellman, Phil Sack, and Tom Kellerhals has received an added lift this year from sophomore students Ed Brown, Bob Hopping, and Tom Wyatt, all of whom will be starting this year.

The Rifle Team is coached by Mr. Barney Cohen, who is understandably pleased with the fine showing of the new members of the team. However, he still thinks, "The older boys will have to carry the team if they're going to have a victorious season." The team has a very tough schedule, meeting Brooklyn Tech, Lincoln, Erasmus, and Madison High Schools among others. However, between high scorer Andy Schoenbach and the trio of promising sophomores, the team is looking forward to a highly successful season.

Trackmen Win Top Division

By HOWIE SIROTA

Sparked by outstanding performances by Captain Harvey Firestone and sophomore Mike Beck, the Midwood High School Cross Country Team swept to an easy victory over Madison High School Oct. 20 at Prospect Park. Following this meet the Cindermen traveled to Van Cortlandt Park on Oct. 31 for the Brooklyn Championships, turning in an excellent performance, with Firestone winning his first gold medal of this season.

Even this feat was overshadowed by their sensational showing in the City Championships the following week. Firestone, who broke his previous best time of the season by a wide margin, was sixth in the field of one hundred sixty-one to pace the Middie team, while Beck broke former Midwood great Billy Goodheart's sophomore record of 14:57 to place fifteenth. Howie Sirota, clocked in 15:10 was thirty-third, with Ron Rabinowitz and Steve Paige also scoring well for Midwood. This fine team effort earned Midwood the Division Championship, their second in three years. Considering that among the five starters only Firestone and Paige are veterans, the team's winning the championship this year is remarkable. Coach Herb Solomon said, "At first, because of their lack of experience, I thought this was just going to be a year of rebuilding, but this performance changed my mind. Furthermore, with Beck, Sirota, and Rabinowitz among others coming back next year, this could be the beginning of a whole new era for the team." The only sad note in the otherwise happy proceedings was that Billy deLaRosa injured his left leg, and will miss the last part of the season.

Backing up the first five runners this year were Bob Pazmino and Grant Weisbrot, both of whom will be returning next season.

Kickoff

HOWIE COHEN

With their supposedly tougher games comfortably packed away, the Blue Hornets' chances of going undefeated and repeating as City Champs are increasing weekly. However, there is another team in Brooklyn's Division II or "Suicide Division" which went undefeated, until November 7. That team is the Honest Abes of Lincoln High School. Should both teams finish the season with the same records, they will both receive the title of "Co-City Champs."

The reason for this wording is explained in the fact that neither team is scheduled to play the other and P.S.A.L. rules do not permit a play-off game. The word "Co" seems to bring out the same unpleasant taste that Ford Frick's asterisk did during the exciting home run race of 1961. There is no tangible reason for this, and technically of course, there is nothing wrong, yet that unpleasant taste remains.

Last year, a similar situation arose between Midwood and Jefferson. Both teams succeeded in winning all their league games and both were named Co-City Champs, but the Jefferson paper listed Jefferson as the City Champs. Later on, it was found that Jefferson had used an ineligible player and Midwood was declared City Champs, but that's another story.

A game between the Blue Hornets and the Honest Abes would be a natural. I've heard the students here at Midwood talking about such a game and the students at Lincoln would probably welcome the idea also. I'm sure it would be one-heck-of-a football game. It would certainly answer the question: who has the better offense or defense, and who really has the better all-around team.

Whether or not this conflict arises at the end of the season, with any teams, the situation will remain. The students deserve a championship game or an explanation.

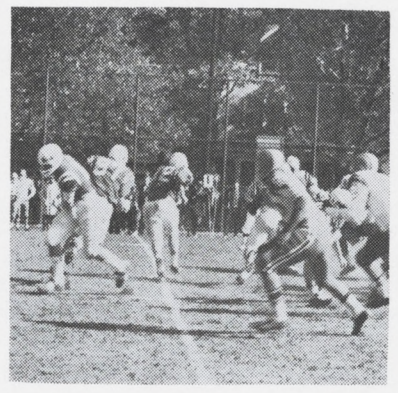
HORNETS WIN 19th GAME TROUNCE LAFAYETTE 58-0

By BOB HIMMELSTEIN

The Hornets, following their opening game victory over Tech, surged on to five more triumphs as they defeated John Jay, Tilden, Jefferson, Lafayette and Poly Prep. Paced by a tremendous defense, the Hornets continued in successful defense of their title.

In the second game of the season, the Hornets overwhelmed John Jay by a score of 34-0. The game featured the brilliant running of Brent Kaufman and passing of Larry Getto. Other notables were Mike Ventura and Bruce Ruppert who scored touchdowns. Tilden proved to be a very tough opponent. Here, once again, the Hornets' great defense came to the rescue. The lone tally was a 25 yard interception by Bruce Ruppert.

One of the truly big highlights of the season, was the contest with Jefferson. The phenomenal Midwood defense held Jefferson to 8 points. The Midwood offense was bolstered by the passing of Larry Getto, who threw touchdown strikes of 25 and 9 yards, to Roy Morrison and Bruce Ruppert respectively. Mike Ventura started the scoring, with a 1 yard plunge and Brent Kaufman scored 2 P.A.T.'s. Following the Jefferson victory, the Hornets destroyed Lafayette by a score of 58-0, its greatest offensive barrage of the season. Brent Kaufman made one of the greatest runs ever witnessed on a high school gridiron, as he literally carried half of the Lafayette team with him on a 70 yard punt return. He also scored on a tremendous 67 yard run. The scoring wasn't only confined to just Getto and Kaufman, as Bob Martin scored on runs of 46 and 9 yards. Dennis Beckman had a 37 yard run and Steve Wolf scored on a one yard plunge. Kaufman, Getto and Mike Ventura also contributed two conversions each. Following the Lafayette massacre the Hornets outclassed Poly Prep in a non-league game 26-0. The game featured many fine defensive plays including brilliant pass interceptions by Kaufman, Marc Kahn and Mike Bloom. Brent Kaufman scored 3 touchdowns, to take over the individual scoring lead in the city. Larry Getto threw a 21 yard touchdown strike to Dennis Beckman. Mike Ventura added two placements and Marc Kahn made many fine and key gains.



Getto hands off to Kaufman going around left end

Once again the Midwood defense must receive high commendation. Defense tackles John Heggenbart and Billy Faronjy have done a wonderful job in containing the opposition's running up the middle. Larry Getto, Al Weiner, Mike Bloom and Craig Spoonemore have done a tremendous job linebacking, breaking up many key running and passing plays. Other fine defensive contributions have come from corner backs. Bruce Ruppert and Marc Kahn, ends Mike Ventura and Pete Blaufarb, guards Manny Gerinimos and Dom Jordan and safeties Brent Kaufman, Bruce Levine, Dennis Beckman, and many others.

SEASON ENDS; BOOTERS FALL

By JIM NOVICK

Not every Midwood team can have an undefeated record. Although the soccer team has worked hard all season, it has not been too successful. No excuses should be given for the booters coached by Mr. Coccodrilli. The seven games of the season were all well fought with Captain Jose Corral leading the squad.

The first game on October 6 was staged against Wingate. The Middies fell 4-0 against this experienced team. The next game against East New York was the turning point of the season. Midwood's Alan Hausman playing center forward scored a goal in the first half tying the score 1-1. In the last thirty seconds of the game, an East New York forward booted a high fast ball that was just a little higher than goalie Ronald Hofstand's arms. This kick scored as a goal for East New York as they snatched the game from Midwood.

The other games against Bushwick, Erasmus, Boys' High, Automotive, and Hamilton were unfortunate defeats for the Middies. Midwood's Steve Vasquez playing left inside booted an excellent goal in the Boys' High game.

Other members of the starting team are Nestor Castellanos, Fred Jacques, Bob Kurpiel, Dave Warren, Jay Weiss, Marty Weltz and Mike Zylberjlest.